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Upper: AT THE HEADMASTERS' CONFERENCE, left to right: P.T. Johnson, Headmaster of Upper Canada College and Secretary Treasurer of the C.H.A.; M. McCrum, Headmaster of Eton College and Chairman of the British Headmasters' Conference; W.A. Joyce, Headmaster of Ashbury College and President-Elect of the C.H.A.

Lower: MEETING AT THE CONFERENCE, left to right: Canon C. Martin, Headmaster of St. Albans School (Washington, D.C.) and President of the American Headmasters' Association; G.H. Merrill, Headmaster of Lower Canada College and President of the Canadian Head-masters' Association; A.S. Troubetzkoy, Selwyn House.

FRENCH SUMMER SCHOOL ATTRACTS RECORD NUMBER

Summer School which took place at Selwyn House during the latter part of June enjoyed increased enrolment. The programme this year was expanded to include students from other schools. Seventy-five boys and girls, ranging in age from 8 to 16, participated in a variety of activities which included saynètes, mots croisés, excursions to Old Montreal and the eastern section of the city, the St. Lawrence Seaway, and the Westmount Fire Department. As a follow-up, each teacher used a particular section of the city as a vehicle for oral exchanges and for enrichment of vocabulary and expression.

The younger group learn-

The 10th Annual French | ed how to express themselves through a variety of activities and games which utilised vocabulary and expressions previously acquired. Films were shown to the older boys and girls, films whose subject matter ranged from cigarette addiction to life in northern Quebec. In all cases, the general content, vocabulary and expressions of each film were reviewed; the film was then re-run to ensure a complete understanding. Throughout the duration

of the French Summer School, student's enthusiasm was high, and the opportunity of spending two weeks immersed in the French language increased immeasurably many students' skills in Oral French.

CANADIAN HEADMASTERS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Session Shared with Principals of Girls' Schools

The Canadian Head-1 masters' Conference held its fortieth Annual Meeting on October 20 - 22 at Lower Canada College. Attending the meeting were the 25 Headmasters who form the membership and their invited guests, including representatives of the British Headmasters' Conference, the American Headmasters' Association, and the National Association of Independent Schools (USA).

Since its inception in 1934, the C.H.A. Conference has provided an opportunity for an exchange of ideas between the Schools' Headmasters and for frank

discussion, formal and informal, on matters of mutual interest. At last year's Conference held at Appleby College, for example, formal sessions were held on "Discipline and Its Value Today", "The Case For and Against Compulsory Examinations", and "Competition: Who Needs It?"

This year M. S. Hardiman, Head of L.C.C.'s Science Department, presented a paper on "The Independent Schools in the Future". Mr. Troubetzkoy made a presentation on "Can We Graduate Bilingual Students?"

Also attending the Conference were the following (See "Conference" - page 2)

retired Headmasters: J. Bell (Appleby), C. Bonny-castle (Rothesay), A. Killip (Hillfield), P. MacLachlan (Shawinigan Lake), J. Page (Hillfield), S. Penton (LCC), R. Perry (Ashbury), G. Pilgrim (Ridley), C. Sowby (UCC), R. Speirs (Selwyn House), and V. Wansbrough (L.C.C.).

For the first time ever the C.H.A. this year held a joint session with the Canadian Association of Principals of Schools for Girls. The meeting was co-chaired by G. H. Merrill, President of C.H.A., and Miss H. W. Perkin, Headmistress of St.

NEW TEACHERS JOIN S.H.S. STAFF

As of September, the following new teachers have joined the teaching staff at Selwyn House School.

Mr. J. L. Aimers, B.A. from Sir George Williams and graduate of McGill's Faculty of Education, is an Old Boy of Selwyn House and L.C.C. Mr. Aimers will be teaching English, History and Political Science.

Mr. Pierre Beauchamp, B.Ed. (P.E.) McGill, comes to the School with a wide background in football and Quebec Junior A and Junior B hockey. This will be his first year of teaching.

Mr. K. J. Fowler, a graduate of Brighton Technical College (U.K.) is retired from the Royal Navy. He has been five years with the P.S.B.G.M. and joins the staff as Head of the Department of Mathematics. Mr. Fowler's background also includes experience in computer work.

Mr. A. F. Hotz, Ecole de St. Cloud (Paris) and Université de Genève, has taught mathematics in Switzerland and the French language with the P.S.B.G.M. He has joined the French Department.

Mr. Brian Porter, after a year's leave of absence, has returned to Selwyn House to become Head of the History Department. During his

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HEADMASTER ADDRESSES C.H.A.

"Can We Graduate Bilingual Students?"

At the recent meeting of the Canadian Headmasters' Association, Mr. Troubetzkoy presented a paper, "Can We Graduate Bilingual Students?"

Bilingualism has been defined as "the ability to speak one's native language and another with approximate equal facility." If we are to accept this definition in the strict sense, Mr. Troubetz-koy submitted, "our Canadian Schools cannot graduate bilingual students. The very nature of our Schools, the very nature of our students and of their families

and of the society in which they live preclude such achievement."

Mr. Troubetzkoy went on to explain, however, that "we can provide programmes and conditions to graduate potentially bilingual students. Regardless of our Schools' geographic location - Windsor, Aurora, Winnipeg or Victoria - we can graduate youngsters who possess a proficient working knowledge of French; students who can confidently enter a Francophone university; and indi-

(See "French" - page 4)



YOUR MOVE NEXT. Chess Tournament between S.H.S. and Laval Catholic High. Our team included Captain L. Landsberger, G. Phillips, J. Dydzak, J. Hadler, Seen above: G. Phillips and J. Dydzak.



LET'S TAKE IT WHILE THE LIGHT IS GOOD

SCHOOL GROUP VISITS NORTHWEST

Richard Blundell, Pierre Goad, Jay Welstord. Michael and Richard Whitehead, under the direction of Mr. L. I. Seville, spent two months touring Western Canada, the Yukon Territory, Alaska and the Arctic.

While in Alberta, the group spent two days at the Cagara Stimpede and then

trip north on the blaska nighway was blocked by wash ours not an alterna-

Prince Paper to Haines, ing of our Alaska was taken. In Alaska habitants

summer, five stu- | and, later, in the Yukon, the boys' itinerary included visiting Robert Service's cabin, panning for and finding gold, visiting the University of Alaska, a trip on the White Pass and Yukon Railway, visiting ghost towns, a ranger - led wildlife tour in the Mt. McKinley National Park, and finally a six-day ferry trip through the inland waterway linking Skagway, B.C. Statt Washington.

> On their return, these five boys all agreed that the trip enabled them to acquire ro, n better understanding of our North and its in-

HISTORY DEPARTMENT OFFERS NEW CHALLENGES

The History Department, directed by Mr. Brian Porter, in response to the needs of today and tomorrow, has added new dimensions to its History program-

The audio-visual approach to History which was begun last year is continuing to bring the past to life and is enabling students to more actively learn about man's accomplishments. The School's own resource centre has been greatly enlarged to encourage audiovisual teaching. As well, the History Department participates in a material pool with Trafalgar School, the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School, and the Study.

In addition to this material pool, a graduated programme of history skills teaches methods by which students can logically examine the past and, as a link with the present and future, these methods also enable boys to understand more clearly what is happening around them and what might affect them. To understand, for example, the process of 'interpreting'

(See "History - page 3)

SURVEY SHOWS COMPOSITION OF STUDENT BODY

Recently, School undertook a survey of its student body in an effort to determine in broad outlines its composition. Combining the survey results with statistical data provided by the office, some interesting facts were compiled.

As of September, 1974, the School's enrollment was: Junior School (Grades 1 -4) 100; Middle School (Grades 5 - 7) 141; Senior School (Grades 8 - 11) 189 for a total of 430 students.

Old Boy affiliation proved quite considerable as 16 students are grandsons of Old Boys, 43 are sons of Old Boys, while 73 are either nephews, brothers or cousins of alumnae.

Of sibling school enrollment, from a total of 175, The Study elaimed 46, Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's 45, Roslyn 39, Convent of the Sacred Heart 17 - the balance was enrolled in a variety of other schools.

56% of our students reside in Westmount, 9% in Central Montreal, 6% in the Town of Mount Royal, 6% on the South Shore, 5% in the West Island, the remainder drawn from areas as distant as Beloeil, St. Jean and Morin Heights.

Religious distribution

SCHOOL **SPONSORS** WILDLIFE CONSERVATION FILM SHOWING

Dr. Cy Hampson, the noted naturalist, presented a lecture and film to Grades 8 and 9 of Selwyn House and the Convent of the Sacred Heart on Friday, October 29th,

Dr. Hampson is an outstanding Canadian naturalist of great experience, zoologist and author. He functions primarily as an interpreter of nature whose message is that of conservation and appreciation of our heritage in nature. Dr. Hampson and his wife, who is co-producer, have completed numerous educational films which focus on wildfile

"Patterns for Survival", the Jilm shown to Grades 8 and 9, demonstrated how nature, in a number of ways, uses colour to assist plants and animals in their struggle for survival. The young andience greatly appreciated the quality of this movie, its beautiful photography and its conshowed 140 Protestants, 117 Roman Catholics, 102 Anglicans, 39 Hebrew, 15 Eastern Orthodox, 15 none, and 2 Moslem, Buddhist.

Occupation of father provided a wide variety of responses. However, physicians, engineers, and lawyers make up 27% of the 30 different occupations listed.

N.M.S.C. **HONOURS** SENIOR STUDENT

Mark Mainwaring of Grade 11 was recently singled out for commendation by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (U.S.) for his high standing in the PSAT/NMS Qualifying Test. More than 1,000,000 students in 17,000 schools sit these tests and being named Commended Student places Mark in the upper two percent of those who are expected to graduate from high school in 1975. Mark hopes to attend Harvard University next

Conference...

Clement's School (Toronto), President of the C.A.P.S.G. It was agreed at this exploratory session to have the two Associations cooperate as much as possible with each other, and the two groups look forward to another joint meeting next

At the Annual Closing Dinner, Dr. R. E. Bell, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University, was the Guest Speaker, Dr. Bell spoke on "McGill of Today". Special words of thanks were addressed by Mr. Merrill to P. T. Johnson who retires at the end of December as Headmaster of Upper Canada College, Mr. Johnson in his enpacity of Secretary-Treasurer of the C.II.A. has over the years given significant guidance and leadership to the Conference. (Earlier Mr. Troubetzkoy was elected to succeed Mr. Johnson as Secretary-Treasurer).

Mr. Mertill brought the Conference to a formal close with the presentation of next year's C.H.A. President, W. A. Joyce, Mr. Joyce looks forward to hosting the 1975 meeting at Ashbury College at which time the theme will be "Independent Schools and Government". The 1976 Conference will be held at Strathcona-Tweedsmuir

GUEST SPEAKERS VISIT SCHOOL

Periodically, the School | political unrest in Chile with invites noteworthy speakers to address various groups of students. The first of this year's lectures was by Mr. George Vin ent who spoke to box, of Grades 8, 10 and If on our is aspects of South Aver. His two America the August of Court and I to the trans Ar 11 61 ...

the spectacular growth of Brazil Mr. Vincent's second lecture on the Andean Countries pointed up the many geographic contrasts found in South America, particularly interesting here were his slides and comments on the many Indian groups found in remote

At later dates during the term, Grade II meet with two other distinguished witters Mr. R. I. Lagan, Visiotant to the Under

Secretary of the U.N., spoke to this group about the Third World Population explosion and the U.N.'s efforts to deal with this problem. As well, Dr. Hereward Senior, Professor of History, McGill University, addressed the Grade II Political Science class Dr Semor, recognized as the leading authority on Loyalism and the Orange Movement within Canadian history and politics entitled his talk "Responsible Government to Confederation"



" 5 QUINTET VISITS SELWYN HOUSE

OLD BOYS

DONALD N. BYERS ('26) was recently elected Chairman of the Board of Zeller's Limited.

CHARLES CHAFFEY ('54) is a member of the Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Toronto.

DAVID CLAXTON (71) has been accepted into the Faculty of Medicine at McGill University.

ROBERT L. COLBY ('56) was elected Governor of Trinity College School, Port Hope, Ontario.

MICHAEL DARLING ('68) recently completed an M.A. in English at McGill University. He is now studying for a Ph.D. at York University. During this past summer, he married Miss Lisa Robson.

ALASTAIR DEAN ('69) is working for INCO, Sudbury, Ontario.

MICHAEL DENNIS ('52) has been elected to the Board of J.B. McLaughlin (Associates) Ltd. and appointed Vice-President.

MICHAEL GWINNELL ('59), who recently became a father, is living at 5 School Street, Stoke-by-Nayland, Colchester, CO6 4QY, England.

DEREK HANSON ('49) has been elected a director of Rolls Royce Motor Cars Limited, Montreal. He is a member in the law firm of Laing, Weldon, Courtois, Clarkson, Parsons, Gauthier and Tetrault.

PETER JACKSON ('57) was married recently to Nancy Jean Daly of Westmount, Quebec.

CHARLES MAC INNES ('51) PhD., is Supervisor, Wild Life Research, Ministry of Natural Resources, Maple, Ontario.

BRIAN MAGEE ('65), who graduated in Honours Metallurgical Engineering from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, is taking his Master's Degree at the University of British Columbia.

CARY MILLER ('67) received his degree in Business Administration at York University last June.

ROBERT MILLER ('73) is attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

PETER F. S. NOBBS, C.A. ('57), who was recently appointed Treasurer of Churchill Falls (Labrador) Corporation, has been elected President of the Selwyn House Old Boys' Association.

OLD BOYS' AT THE OLD BOYS' REUNION



Reading Left to Right and Top to Bottom: The Headmaster and H. Stratford; Dr. R.A. Speirs, Mr. & Mrs. L. Watchorn, Mrs. E.C. Moodey; D. Sanford, D. Runkie, B. Porter; R. Colby and E.C. Moodey; B. Nordin, C. de Keresztes, J. Amblard; D. McDougall, J.P. Martin, R. Colby, A. Walt; K. Martin, Dr. Speirs, M. Rogers, R. Weldon, Mr. & Mrs. Moodey, B.S. Stevens, A. Walt, P. Nobbs, F.G. Phillips.

GORDON PETERS ('58) Born to Gordon and Wendy Peters a daughter, Jennifer Suzanne, November 1st, 1974, at Ottawa

ROBIN PITBLADO ('65), who graduated from McGill University in Chemical Engineering as an Athlone Fellow, is presently working towards his Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering at the University of Sydney, Australia.

History...

the past is to facilitate decision-making today and tomorrow.

In conjunction with the skill programme, learning history has taken a more active role. It is the actual recreation of the past, for example, constructing multimedia portfolios, which, in turn, suggests the relevancy for the present.

The Department is also offering two new courses. The first, a matriculation course, deals almost solely with the 20th century, its economics, its politics, and its 'have' and 'have not' nations. The second course, a non-matriculation option taught by Mr. John Aimers, is entitled "Government

(See "History - page 4) came.

GERRY ROSS ('59) is currently enrolled in a Ph.D. programme at the University of Western Ontario.

JOHN WILLIAMS (72) has been accepted into King's College Hospital Medical School in London, England, where he will lollow a seven-year course of studies leading to an M.D. degree.

O.B. SHUT OUT BY SENIOR SOCCER TEAM

The annual soccer game between the Old Boys and the Senior Team was played on Wednesday, October 30th, at Westmount Park. The Old Boys arrived with a full complement of players and several spares, and the Seniors knew they were in for 60 minutes of hard play. The game was very close until the last fifteen minutes. At this juncture, Jamie Turner of the Seniors scored two goals to win the match for the School (2 - 0). Prominent among the Old Boys were David Smith and Chris Asselin, both of whom had numerous scoring opportunities. Afterwards, the traditional beer and pretzel party was given by the School to which additional Old Boys and several staff

WANTED

Old letters, snapshots, memorabilia of any sort related to Selwyn House history. The School desires to enlarge its archives and to build a collection of items related to its development. All such material will be gratefully received by the Headmaster.

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4th. TV Old Boys, staff and their ladies attended ine Annuai Cocktail Party held at the School. We were especially pleased that a number of staff members, notably R. Speirs, Mr. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Moodey and Mr. Iversen were present to greet many of their former students. There was a good representation from the classes ol '74 (11) '59 (6) and '65 (5) and it was a pleasure to see Frank Nobbs, Bob Paterson, Colin Pateh ('38), Bill Daly ('42) and John Trott ('48) from earlier vears.

The change from Le Cartier gave many Old Boys an opportunity to wander about the School and to view recent additions and renovations made since their last visit. As well, it provided them with an occasion to sharpen memories of their days at Selwyn House

O.B. POST NEW SLATE

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIA-HON Slate of Officers for the current star is too lows. Peter F.S. Nobbs (57) President Timothy Stewart (59) Secretary

Treasurer
Michael A. Dawes ('70)
Thomas H. Holy ('72)
Stuart Iversen ('74)

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Allan M. Case

J. Kerry Martin ('57) Fraser Miller ('73) C. Lee F. Watchorn ('59)

25 YEARS AGO



Front Row: A. Hildred, Dr. R.A. Speirs, P. Machell. Rear Row: P. Milner, I. Phillips, W. Mason. W. McKeown, P. Dolisie.



SENIOR SOCCER TEAM

Front Row: B. Williams (manager), M. Hooton, S. Burns, S. Langshur, R. Rohlicek, F. Yarur, D. Bloxam, K. Haller.

WIN 11 GAMES, Lose 1

Centre: M. Palayew, K. Munro, J. Turner, M. Roy, W. Wallace, S. Walson.

Rear: E. Schwartz, C. Mulholland, W. Smith, R. Hall, B. McArthur. SENIOR SOCCER TEAM ENJOYS SUCCESSFUL SEASON

This year's Senior Soccer team, composed entirely of Grade 10 players, was one of the strongest teams in many years. In our 12 game season against other private removes we have it High the Masters and the Old

This loss was in a tight match against I C C who managed to get the only goal of the game

Our team's efforts were | marked by the eagerness of all the players. Under the excellent coaching of Mr. John Huggins, everyone's skills improved greatly during the season's play, and we worked as a unit.

Fach member of the team was outstanding. The forwards seemed to get the ball through whenever the team

advanced it. The defense and the goal tender were especially strong and they let the opposition score only eight times over the whole season.

All of us on the team are looking forward to next year when we shall play together as a team under the leadership of our coach, Mr. John Huggins, (R. Rohlicek, J. Turner)

SCHOOL GOLFERS IN G.M.I.A.A. TOURNAMENT



STUDENT GOLFERS to R L Landsherger W Smith D Blosam, W Hoy

On September 23rd, four senior students participated in the GMIAA interschool Golf Lournament held at Canduac Golf Club The team consisted of Bill Smith, Michael Roy, Donald Bloxam and Teslie Landsberger, all Junior A golfers the Selwyn House team finished in a tie for 13th place from a total of 38 teams. Considering this was the school's limit venture into the annual competition, the Selwin House foursome are to be congratulated on their very creditable show tig against such a strong

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History...

and Politics of Canada". This programme will be supplemented by a wide range of guest speakers and a trip to Ottawa for a firsthand evaluation of parliamentary procedures and personalities.

Teachers...

absence, he completed his professional training at the Ontario Teachers College.

Miss Anne Wiggins, RA (Sir George Williams), M.Ed. (University of Maine), has taught for 8 years in Ontario, Nicaragna and Quebec Miss Wiggins is a reading specialist and she becomes the Form Mistress of Grade F

As well, the following staff changes were made Mr. Alam Weber has been appointed Director French Studies with the He then spoke principal responsibility of expanding further the ne difficulty brench language program mes. Mr. I. I. Seville has been named Middle School Administrator and Mr. J. R. Varey became the School Librarian as well as superfrom of all audio youal. eq apment

AUTUMN PHYS. ED. PROGRAMME STRESSES FOOTBALL AND SOCCER

The Fall games programme this year fostered exceptionally high interest and enthusiasm for team activities. Approximately 75 boys participated as members of the two School football teams, Seniors and Bantams. These teams enjoyed varying degrees of success competing on an exhibition basis with a number of schools. Captains other Julian Heller and Chris Shannon of the Senior team, John O'Quinn, Karel Nemec and Nick Howson of the Bantam team provided strong leadership for their squads.

In soccer, three teams represented the School in exhibition matches and in

the G.M.I.A.A. inter-school league. The Middle School team, captained by Bart Sambrook, showed consistent improvement over the season and will, undoubtedly, provide the nucleus of next year's Bantam team. Tim Large led the Bantam team which played in the very competitive G.M.I.A.A. League. Their record over the season was 3 wins, 1 tie and 7 losses.

In addition to these team sports, the Phy. Ed. department ran a varied programme of activities which challenged boys not interested in league competition, a programme which included volleyball, badminton and intra-mural soccer.



CLOSING IN FOR THE TACKLE DURING THE BANTAMS VS. ASHBURY GAME

ANNUAL TRACK MEET HELD AT WESTMOUNT ATHLETIC GROUNDS

The annual track and field | meets took place at the Westmount Athletic Grounds, the junior meet on June 17 and the senior on June 22. The somewhat uncertain weather over this period did not make for ideal conditions, and while events were keenly contested the times in the track events tended to be slow, and the distances in the field events short of the school records. No clear-cut Victor Indorum emerged from the open events, so that the title was not awarded this year, but in events for younger boys several notable performances appeared Christopher Shannon, in the under 16 group, and Marc lust in the under 14, each gained four first places and one second, Richard Whitehead won four events in the under 12 group. At the Junior meet Stephen White, with three firsts and a second, proved most successful. In the

proved best at the Senior meet and Wanstall led at the

Junior meet The distribution of sports awards was deferred until a special Assembly at the school on June 24, when Mr. Timothy Carsley came as special guest to present them, The house trophies were presented at the same time. For the information of those Old Boys who still maintain an interest in their old Houses, we note that this year the Pitcher Frophy, which covers competition not only in track and field, but also in badminton, wrestling and gymnastics, was won by Macaulay House; Wansiall (who lead the overall competition at the moment) took the Gillespie Cup (soccer), the Creighton Cup (hockey) and the Rutley Cup (basketball) Lucas and Speirs Houses have to be content with the knowledge that they provided competi-House contests Macaulay | tion for the others.

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